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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-11, 17-23 and 25-29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1, 4, 6, 12-16, 24 and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 2, 3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6-25-04
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 7-11,17-23,25-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 07/09/07.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 2-3,5,30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sevat (US 2001/0006382 A1).

As to claim 2-3,5 Sevat teaches a display control device for controlling a display device capable of displaying multiple screens on a display region (paragraph 0001), said display control device comprising:

a display control circuit for controlling said display device according to commands input from multiple input devices (fig. 1, items 101-106, paragraph 0017);

wherein said display control circuit controls said display device so as to

turn the electric power source of said display device on in the event that the electric power source of said display device is not on (notice, that it is inherent to turn power on before trying to set a screen region), and

set a screen region to be controlled by a predetermined input device which is one of said plurality of said input devices in the event that the electric power source of said display device is on (fig. 1, items 101-106, paragraph 0017),

in accordance with predetermined commands input from said predetermined input device (fig. 2, item 208, paragraph 0025).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1,4,6,12-16,24,30 are allowed.

Relative to independent claims 1,4 the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Sevat) and the instant invention is that delete a screen region controlled by a predetermined input device which is one of said plurality of said input devices without mining the electric power source of said display device off in the event that a screen region to be controlled by another input device has been set, and the electric power source of said display device off in the event that a screen region to be controlled by another input device has not been set.

Claims 12-15,24,30 depend on independent claims 1 and 4.

Relative to independent claim 16 the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Sevat) and the instant invention is that deleting a screen region

controlled by a predetermined input device which is one of said plurality of said input devices without turning the electric power source of said display device off in the event that a screen region to be controlled by another input device has been set, and determining the electric power source of said display device off in the event that a screen region to be controlled by another input device has not been set.

Telephone Inquire

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 571-272-7683. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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